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does not undertake to explain the origin of the exceptive phrase, but leaves the matter with this question: Is it due either to the Jewish-Christian element in the church which found it difficult to reconcile Christ's teaching as recorded by Mark with the inspired law, or to a feeling that divorce for adultery is a necessary accommodation, not only to pre-Christian, but to any known form of human society which is not purely spiritual?

## Why Did Christianity Conquer the Roman Empire?

This subject has been one of profound study and exposition on the part of many eminent historians of the first centuries of our era. excellent brief discussion of the problem is given by Professor Grützmacher, of the University of Heidelberg, in the Expository Times for October. The question which he seeks to answer is: What was the secret of the triumph of Christianity over the ancient world? This is his answer: The heathen cults left the religious feelings unsatisfied; the heathen mysteries awakened, indeed, in the heart longings after redemption, but their mystical rites did not contain what they promised; the heathen philosophy preached, indeed, redemption by the path of self-abnegation, but it failed to supply the strength for self-redemption; the belief in the old world of deities and their myths, which men sought to conserve by transforming its meaning, was shattered at once by criticism and by skepticism. Christianity took away from man the vain dream of self-redemption and pointed him to Jesus Christ as the Savior sent by God into a world of sin. Christianity produced heroes of faith, who gave to this faith forcible expression in the realm of thought as well as of life, who firmly trusting in God counted the world as nothing and overcame the world. Christianity set loose the powers of active brotherly love, which helped to transform the ancient world, with its regardless egoism and its deification of man, into a brotherhood of redeemed children of God.

## The Two Methods of Converting Men.

A pamphlet of very great value to the present need is President Henry Churchill King's Christian Training and the Revival as Methods of Converting Men, published by the Secretarial Institute and Training School of the Young Men's Christian Association, Chicago. The pamphlet consists of addresses read before the Lake Geneva Conference last August. Dr. King deals in a clear and effective way with the